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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:490
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ACCIDENTS IN DMRC PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any investigations into the frequent accidents taking place in the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of persons killed and injured including workers and labourers of DMRC during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons for such accidents;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the families of the deceased and injured;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a)to(e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED T O I N REPLY T O L O K SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.490 FOR 7.8.2009 REGARDING ACCIDENTS IN DMRC PROJECTS.

(a): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that after every accident in its projects involving loss of life or serious injury, the Safety Team of DMRC along with the Safety expert of the General Consultants, who is an expatriate, conducts a detailed investigation and submits a report to the Management. All the accidents have taken place during the construction phase only. The Union Government enquires from DMRC about the details of the major accidents and remedial measures taken.

(b): The number of persons killed and injured during the last 3 years and current year are as under:-

DEATH CASES

2006 - 04

2007 - 11

2008 - 17

2009 - 15

Total 47

MAJOR AND MINOR INJURIES SINCE 2006

2006 - 09

2007 - 08

2008 - 16

2009 - 22

Total 55

The details furnished by DMRC are attached at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): The compensation is reported to have been paid/deposited with Workman Compensation Commissioner in most of the cases involving fatalities as well as injuries as per details enclosed at Annexure-II.

(e): There is a three tier safety enforcement system in Delhi Metro, firstly a safety team employed by the contractor himself, at second level DMRC`s safety audit team headed by an experienced expatriate and thirdly DMRC`S own engineers exercising due checks. Recently, the safety team under General Consultants has been strengthened to enforce safety.

The Union Government after obtaining all details about the accident on 19.10.2008 at DMRC`s construction site at Laxmi Nagar had informed all the Metro Authorities in the country currently engaged in construction work and the concerned Chief Secretaries about the cause of the accident and the need to ensure that adequate safety measures are put in place to prevent such recurrence.